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## Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Han-

*"My soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the morning, more than  
watchmen wait for the morning."*

*Psalm 130:6*

### 1) On our Lenten season and Holy Week

Wow...we were blessed! The accolades keep flowing in from people who felt particularly touched by our Holy Week services. It would seem impossible, but somehow Wayne and Kaydene Hubert and team "raised the bar" again with an outstanding **Passover Seder Meal** that truly took us back to the Old Testament roots of our Lord's last supper. We give thanks also for everyone who helped with our **Good Friday Service** -- Pastor Bruce's message and all of the special music powerfully called our attention to Christ's love poured out on the cross.

Truly, we give thanks for the joy of the resurrection proclaimed this **Easter**—the worship teams and Easter breakfast teams and Sunday Servant teams all did a beautiful job of reflecting the joy of the Risen Lord. We've discovered that our Easter attendance is usually about twice our average weekend attendance and hence worshippers overflowed into the narthex for both the middle

and late services. Who knows, maybe we'll need four services next year!

Indeed, we thank everyone for a very special Lenten season. From the super soup suppers organized by our Fellowship Ministry and served by our council ministries, to our well-loved Holden Prayer Service, to our Lenten services lifting up the seven churches of the book of Revelation; we've been very blessed. Thanks for observing the 40 days of Lent with us this year as we explored the theme: "Christ Speaks to Christ's Church" from the Revelation of John.

### 2) On our recent new member group...

What an exciting day for us recently as we welcomed over 55 new people into our church! Thanks to our staff and council and all who helped with the orientation and luncheon Sunday. We are honored that God has entrusted all these new brothers and sisters in Christ to us as we work together for the kingdom of God.

### 3) On our Police Memorial Service May 15th...

This is a national annual event that our Longmont Police chaplains have hosted for the past six years. Five of those six years' services have been here at FCLC. We are honored to have our mayor (or a representative) and local police chiefs and county sheriff here once again. Please join us for this very special event at 11am.

### 4) On our Stewardship...

Our hope is to continue our First Fruits giving to Outreach at 20 percent; however, if giving falls too far behind, we may only be able to support Outreach at 15 percent until giving more closely matches budget. The beauty of biblical practice of "first-fruits giving" is that it meets us where we're at; tithing goes up when our income is up and tithing goes down when our income goes down. In the ups and downs of life, we try to put "first things first" and trust that God will provide.

Truly, we do thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the work of the Lord in our church. We hope that our "first-fruits" giving as a congregation through the years has provided a positive example for each of you to know and believe that God is faithful when we put "first things first" in our giving of time and talents and treasure. **Try it—it works!** God is faithful to provide for our needs when we place our trust in Him.

### 5) On my sabbatical this summer...

Thanks for all your kind words of support. I'm really looking forward to "recharging my batteries" and learning to relax...ha! Having said that, I have committed to a couple of weddings (that have been on my calendar since fall) and to serving as MC at the Utah work camp our youth will be attending in July, and I may be up at Sky Ranch with our youth in June. But I am looking forward to stepping away from the office and phone and email and daily schedule so that I can catch up on reading and visit other growing churches. As you can imagine, I'm eager to see what I can learn. I'm also hoping that we can take a nice family vacation at the end of July and that I can take an overseas trip with my brother-in-law (who is an avid traveler) in August.

Some of you have asked if I'm thinking of leaving FCLC. I'm not. But I believe that we always need try to be open to the "surprises" of the Spirit. (John 3:8) Having said that, I know that I am "my father's son." My father served as Sr. Pastor for 33 years at First Lutheran in Fremont, Nebr., (following Bishop Archie Madsen) and I believe that part of the strength of his ministry was that he never intended to stay that long—it's just that there was always "one more project" he felt called to help lead. So who knows where the Spirit will lead? ☺

### 6) On visioning for the future...

Although it has been over two years now since we completed the expansion of our education wing, the end

of a building project is sometimes a time when churches ask the question, "What's next?" In Leonard Sweet's book, *Aqua Church*, (which plays on the historic image of the church as a "ship"), he says, "People often ask mega church pastor Mike Slaughter what he's going to do next, where he sees himself in five or 10 years. Mike responds that if he is in charge of his own life, he knows the answer to that question. But if God is in charge of his life, he has no idea how to answer the question." After all, as Jesus says, *"The wind blows wherever it pleases... So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* (John 3:8) Again, who knows what all God will be calling FCLC to next in our mission!

As popular as "mission statements" are today, I tend to suspect that God has given all churches the same mission: to *"Go and make disciples..."* But churches have different gifts and values just as Christians have different gifts and values to carry out that mission. Although our membership and building have grown a lot in recent years, nevertheless our core values remain quite visible: "To reach out in love" as a church that is **1) Bible-centered, 2) prayer-centered, 3) worship-centered (blending traditional and new music), 4) visitor-friendly, 5) kid-friendly, 6) modeling "first-fruits" giving, 7) modeling the "priesthood of all believers."**

Indeed, we're still "young" and I expect we'll continue to "grow" in all our ministries and I expect new ministries will "spring forth" like our prayer shawl ministry and much more. I expect that we will be adding worship services such as our midweek Wednesday Candlelight Communion Service. I expect our staff support will grow, too. Most of us didn't buy all our furniture at once—it's the same way for staffing a church—we just keep "whittling away" at it as the opportunities and the funding presents itself.

At our council retreat this year, one of our council members urged us to begin praying about our "next" building project. Although the comment caught me off guard, I have to admit that increasingly we're running out of room for worship (most often at the 11a service) and during Education Hour and on Wednesday nights... and last night for our wonderful Seder Passover Meal! If it feels a bit overwhelming to us at times, we can probably better sympathize with Peter and the disciples in the second chapter of Acts. Again, Jesus says, *"The wind blows wherever it pleases... So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* Our job is to try to faithfully follow the Spirit's lead!

This is an exciting time in the life of our church and I want to thank each of you for the part YOU have been playing in our ministry! *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*  
1 Cor. 12:27

Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dan





## April Wedding Anniversaries

**April 3**  
Mike and Cheryl Johnson – 15 yrs

**April 8**  
Gary and Mary Smith – 30 yrs

**April 9**  
Allen Clauson and Jere Griffiths – 13 yrs

**April 11**  
Tom and Alison Bucket – 27 yrs

**April 12**  
Ron and Kristin Schuman – 8 yrs

**April 14**  
Horst and Brigitte Hennig – 52 yrs

**April 16**  
John and Nancy Benson – 31 yrs  
Don and Andrea Lee – 20 yrs

**April 22**  
Blair and Lanette Smallwood – 30 yrs

**April 26**  
Dave and Donna Koehler – 38 yrs  
Mike and Kelly Marshall – 22 yrs

**April 27**  
Steve and Teresa Gunther – 23 yrs

**April 28**  
Dan and Cindy Hansen – 24 yrs  
Ron and Denise Parsons – 18 yrs

**April 30**  
Howard and Jolene Nicoll – 20 yrs  
Michael and Erin Ciccone – 14 yrs

## April Birthdays

**April 1**  
Julie Markiewicz  
Linda Lappin  
Nancy Passot  
Kyle Gunther

**April 2**  
Bob Danos  
Shelly Embree  
Ian Markiewicz

**April 3**  
Karen Odegard  
Barb Borton  
Kevin Palm

**April 4**  
Ed Owens

**April 5**  
Pete Seale  
William Elwood

**April 6**  
Ethel Owens  
Glenn Knipscheer  
Dustin Bourgois  
Mason Spreier

**April 7**  
Todd Penson  
Sandi Vaughn  
Lee Nelson

**April 8**  
Steve Gunther  
Mike Johnson  
Mindy Parker  
Adam Gostenik

**April 9**  
Jere Griffiths  
Larry Odegard  
Mike O'Brien  
Chelsea Ciccone  
Kylie Lewus

**April 10**  
Cindy Noble

**April 11**  
Becca Schaff

**April 13**  
Jamie Mendez  
Paige Demosthenes

**April 14**  
Darcie Ell

**April 15**  
Joe Audley  
Sue Mesch  
Tim Uecker

**April 16**  
Ray Schumacher

**April 17**  
Craig Chaney  
Stephanie Brockman  
Christopher Gwinn  
Shayelyn Marshall

**April 18**  
Diane Vinaske  
Cindy Hansen  
Alison Buckett  
Antoinette Enders

**April 19**  
Gary Yost  
Trisha Stewart

**April 20**  
Linda Thoman  
Jaedyn Brown

**April 21**  
Margaret Greene  
Anna Mercer

**April 22**  
Otto Longhenry  
Arla Olson  
Lyle Luttrell  
Kevin Ell  
Toni Nehls  
Freyja Woelfle

**April 23**  
Ardie Sahl  
Mike Cogdill  
Steven Schumacher

**April 24**  
Mike Stover  
Paul Bennett

**April 25**  
Bob Kaiser  
Annie Cirbo  
Adam Konicek

**April 26**  
Craig Hovick  
Mitzi Storaci

**April 27**  
Leroy Heidt  
Ashleigh Bruns

**April 28**  
Debbie Raemer

**April 29**  
Eric Phelan  
Sam Van Winkle  
Ashley Owens

**April 30**  
Daniel Meyers



# FCLC Christian Education News

## More thoughts from Sunday School children about heaven. . .

Jesus said, "There are many rooms in my Father's house. . .  
I am going there to prepare a place for you."  
John 14:2

### What would you do on your first day in heaven?

- I would swim in the clouds. I would also look in all of the different rooms to see how they are decorated.
- I would like to see how a halo floats.
- I would let God decide what I would do.
- I would ask God what the rules are.
- I want to see what God really looks like.
- I want to meet my Dad.
- I would like to drive a monster truck in heaven.
- I would run around and shout!!

### How do you get to heaven?

- Die
- You have to believe in Jesus.
- Jesus takes you there.
- Jumping



"The joy of Middle School Sunday School"

## Christian Education Theme for April: Pentecost: Happy Birthday to the Church!

**Memory Verse of the Month:** The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

### Pentecost Popcorn Treat

1. Pop two bags of microwave popcorn.
  - While the popcorn is popping, observe how the popcorn is changing. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, how are we changed in big and small ways? How should our actions show the Holy Spirit lives in us? What are some specific ways we "speak in a Christian tongue" through our sweet words and actions?
2. Pour popped popcorn out onto a large, foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. In a large glass measuring cup, measure ¼ cup butter, 1/3 cup sugar, 2 T light corn syrup. Place in microwave and cook on high for a full two minutes, stirring once halfway through. Remove from microwave and quickly add ¼ teaspoon baking soda. Stir thoroughly and quickly pour over popped popcorn. Let cool slightly before enjoying this sweet treat.

## Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School needs YOU!

Plans are already in the works for the third annual Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School. **But we need YOU!** Do you have a hobby, special talent or occupation, which you would be willing to teach/share with others (of any age group) for one hour, one Sunday morning during June, July or August? You pick the topic. You pick the class size and age group. You pick the Sunday. We will help you tie it back to the Bible. Last year we were able to offer 72 classes because of some amazing volunteers! Please contact Nanette at [nanette@fclc.org](mailto:nanette@fclc.org) **by April 15**, to volunteer.

**Mark your calendars NOW!**



† **Confirmation Weekend 2008 is May 3-4.** Questioning, Faith Statements and Reception will be held on May 3, 7 pm. The congregation is invited! The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 11am service on May 4.

† **Live Out Loud Vacation Bible School** is July 14, 15, 16, 9-11:30 am  
The One-and-Only **VBS Planning Meeting** will be Monday, June 9, 7-8:30 pm. **WE NEED YOU!**

## Totally Wired: What Teens and Tweens Are REALLY Doing Online

by Anastasia Goodstein

Are you a parent of a tween or teen? Do you want to know a little bit more about how even children are using technology in their lives today? Order Goodstein's book, read it during the month of April, then join with other parents as we delve into social networking, blogging, cyberbullying and IM in once a month seminars facilitated by technology professionals. To order a book by April 13, contact [nanette@fclc.org](mailto:nanette@fclc.org) (303-772-6269). Cost: \$11. (Seminar dates TBA.)

### GOT QUESTIONS?

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Christian Education Chairperson: Mary Konicek, [marylarrykids@aol.com](mailto:marylarrykids@aol.com)



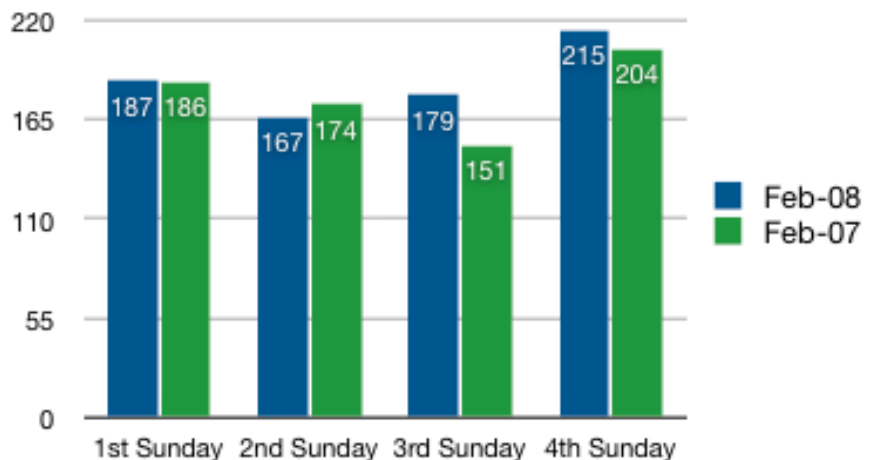
## All Sky Ranch Kids and Families!

- ★ It's time to hand in or mail your child's/children's \$100 deposit(s) for camp.
- ★ FCLC youth will be going to Sky Ranch June 22-27, 2008.
- ★ This camp is for the Youth who have completed grades 4th thru 8th.
- ★ The cost to register and hold a spot is \$100. The total cost of the camp is \$370. Scholarships are available through the church.
- ★ There are \$100 scholarships available through the church. The cost looks to be \$370.
- ★ Contact Karla Irvin at 303-485-5779 or via email [mkirvin@earthlink.net](mailto:mkirvin@earthlink.net) with your questions or concerns. More information can be found at [www.LdoubleR.org](http://www.LdoubleR.org).

## Sunday School Attendance

Attendance

	Feb-08	Feb-07
1st Sunday	187	186
2nd Sunday	167	174
3rd Sunday	179	151
4th Sunday	215	204
Totals	748	715



# Outreach News

## Outreach Fair is Here!

Now is your chance to meet all of our Outreach Ministry Partners. FCLC Annual Outreach Fair will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 5:30pm-7pm and Sunday, April 27 from 8am-1pm. This event will be held in the **Fellowship Hall** and each of our partners will have a booth set up for you to gather information. We encourage you to mingle and become familiar with what our “First Fruit” donations are used for, as well as what local projects our church is involved with. This year we have invited over 40 organizations! We hope you can make it! Below is a list of the organizations we support both in service as well as financially.

### Outreach Ministry Partners

Outreach to Families	Location	Purpose	Website
Atwood Shelter	Longmont, CO	Provide emergency short-term housing for families	<a href="http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/efa.html">http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/efa.html</a>
Habitat for Humanity	Longmont, CO	Building affordable housing for those in need	<a href="http://www.stvrainhfh.org">www.stvrainhfh.org</a>
Holiday Basket Program	Longmont, CO	Provide toys and food to low-income families	<a href="http://www.stvraincc.org/Holiday_Basket.html">www.stvraincc.org/Holiday_Basket.html</a>
Inn Between	Longmont, CO	Provide transitional housing to those in need	<a href="http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/innbetween">http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/innbetween</a>
Lutheran Family Services	Denver, CO	Provide services that heal & strengthen people	<a href="http://www.lfsc.org">www.lfsc.org</a>
O.U.R. Center	Longmont, CO	Provide food, clothing, & financial assistance	<a href="http://www.ourcenter.org">www.ourcenter.org</a>
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Longmont, CO	Ministry reaching out to those in need of comfort	<a href="http://www.shawlministry.com">www.shawlministry.com</a>
Sky Ranch/Sleepy Owl	Ft. Collins, CO	Facility providing outdoor ministry to families	<a href="http://www.fortnet.org/skyranch">www.fortnet.org/skyranch</a>

Outreach to Women & Children	Location	Purpose	Website
A Woman's Work	Longmont, CO	Provide emergency funds & support to women in need	<a href="http://www.awomanswork.org">www.awomanswork.org</a>
Healing Circles/ Hospice	Longmont, CO	Provide grief counseling for children & teens	<a href="http://hospicecareonline.org/04_griefeducation/healingcircles.php">http://hospicecareonline.org/04_griefeducation/healingcircles.php</a>
Life Choices Preg. Ctr.	Longmont, CO	Provide support for pregnancy decisions	<a href="http://www.lifechoices.org">www.lifechoices.org</a>
Mtn State Children Home	Longmont, CO	Provide physical & emotional support to children	<a href="http://www.mscho.org">www.mscho.org</a>
Safe Shelter	Longmont, CO	Provide shelter/support for abused women/children	<a href="http://www.safeshelterofstvrain.org">www.safeshelterofstvrain.org</a>
Voices for Children	Boulder, CO	Provide support to abused & neglected children	<a href="http://www.vfccsa.org">www.vfccsa.org</a>

Outreach to Homeless Persons	Location	Purpose	Website
COREs	Longmont, CO	Provide overnight emergency shelter to Homeless	<a href="http://longmontchristianshelters.org">http://longmontchristianshelters.org</a>
HOPE	Longmont, CO	Street Outreach to the Homeless	<a href="http://www.hopeforlongmont.org">www.hopeforlongmont.org</a>
The Well	Longmont, CO	Provide spiritual care and training to those in need	<a href="http://www.thewelllongmont.com">www.thewelllongmont.com</a>

Prison Ministry	Location	Purpose	Website
Shekinah Ministries	Longmont, CO	Transforms hearts & minds of prison inmates	<a href="http://www.injail.org">www.injail.org</a>
New Beginnings ELCA	Denver, CO	Prison Ministry at Denver Women's Correctional Fac.	<a href="http://www.newbeginningsdwcf.org">www.newbeginningsdwcf.org</a>

Outreach to Disabled Persons	Location	Purpose	Website
Imagine Colorado	Lafayette, CO	Provide support services to people with disabilities	<a href="http://www.imaginecolorado.org">www.imaginecolorado.org</a>
Mosaic	National	Serving people with developmental disabilities	<a href="http://www.mosaicinfo.org">www.mosaicinfo.org</a>
NAMI	National	Provide support to people with mental illnesses	<a href="http://www.nami.org">www.nami.org</a>

Outreach to Seniors	Location	Purpose	Website
Longmont Senior Serv.	Longmont, CO	Provides resources and support to seniors	<a href="http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen_ctr">www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen_ctr</a>
Meals on Wheels	Longmont, CO	Provide hot nutritious meals for seniors	<a href="http://longmontmeals.org">http://longmontmeals.org</a>
Shekinah Ministries	Longmont, CO	Provide comfort & care to nursing home patients	<a href="http://www.injail.org">www.injail.org</a>

### Outreach Ministry Partners (cont'd)

Outreach to Native Americans	Location	Purpose	Website
Oaks Indian Mission	Oaks, OK	Provide support & structure to deprived children	<a href="http://www.oaksindianmission.org">www.oaksindianmission.org</a>
Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots	Brookfield, WI	Helping, healing, and sharing the hope of the Gospel to Native Americans	<a href="http://www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org">www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org</a>

Church Partners	Location	Purpose	Website
Bethlehem Lutheran	New Orleans, LA	Church rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina Disaster	
Christus Rex	Boulder, CO	Lutheran Campus Ministry at Univ. Colorado	<a href="http://www.colorado.edu/StudentGroups/lcm">www.colorado.edu/StudentGroups/lcm</a>
Cristo Rey	El Paso, TX	Church ministering to El Paso and Juarez, Mexico	<a href="http://www.rmselfca.org/cristo_rey.htm">www.rmselfca.org/cristo_rey.htm</a>
New Beginnings ELCA	Denver, CO	Prison Ministry at Denver Women's Correctional Fac.	<a href="http://www.newbeginningsdwc.org">www.newbeginningsdwc.org</a>
Peace In Christ	Elizabeth, CO	Mission church reaching out to those in Elbert Co.	<a href="http://www.peaceinchristelm.org">www.peaceinchristelm.org</a>
Rios de Agua Viva	Longmont, CO	Church ministering to Hispanics in Longmont	

International Outreach	Location	Purpose	Website
Compassion Internat'l	Worldwide	Sponsorship for children in poverty all over the world	<a href="http://www.compassion.com">www.compassion.com</a>
Friends of Mexico	Galeana, Mexico	Missionary service in Mexico for youth & adults	<a href="http://www.friendsofmexico.org">www.friendsofmexico.org</a>
ELCA - Global Missions	Worldwide	Provide support to churches/missionaries outside US	<a href="http://www.elca.org/globalmission">www.elca.org/globalmission</a>
ELCA - World Hunger RMS Hunger Network	Worldwide	Support people who live with chronic hunger/poverty	<a href="http://www.elca.org/hunger">www.elca.org/hunger</a> or <a href="http://www.rmselfca.org/world_hunger.htm">www.rmselfca.org/world_hunger.htm</a>
Operation Xmas Child	Worldwide	Provide gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need	<a href="http://www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC_About.asp">www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC_About.asp</a>

Missionaries			
Campus Crusade for Christ International	Turkey	Missionaries - Doug & Ann Johnson	<a href="http://www.ccci.org">www.ccci.org</a> or <a href="http://www.bridgesinternational.com">www.bridgesinternational.com</a>
ELCA - Missionaries	Hong Kong	Missionaries - Ted & Jane Zimmerman	<a href="http://www.elchck.org.hk">www.elchck.org.hk</a> or <a href="http://www.lts.edu">www.lts.edu</a>
Shine on Mexico	Mexico	Missionaries - Timothy & Susie Alm	<a href="http://www.shineonmexico.org">www.shineonmexico.org</a>
Yoke Bearers/ Pioneers	Worldwide	Missionaries & Heartcraft - Tim & Heidi Sullivan	<a href="http://www.heartcraft.org">www.heartcraft.org</a>
Wycliffe Bible Trans.	Teita, Mexico	Missionaries - Dale & Leanne Barkley	<a href="http://www.wycliffe.org">www.wycliffe.org</a> or <a href="http://www.sil.org">www.sil.org</a>

### Upcoming Events --- Mark Your Calendars

**Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30am** - Voices for Children Light of Hope Breakfast ([www.vfccasa.org](http://www.vfccasa.org) or 303-440-7059)

This is a free event at the Radisson Conference Center in Longmont. A presentation will be given to provide you information on how you can get involved and help these children in need.

**Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm** - Shekinah Christian Ministries Benefit Dinner ([www.injail.org](http://www.injail.org))

FCLC has sponsored a table for eight-10 people and would like to invite you to join us. Shekinah Ministries reaches out to those in the nursing homes as well as those in the prison system. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Gary Yost ([garyyost@msn.com](mailto:garyyost@msn.com))

**Saturday, April 26 at 10am-2pm** - Serving Lunch at the OUR Center

FCLC will be serving lunch to 100-200 people at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, April 26 at 11:30am. Volunteers (six-eight adults) are needed from 10am-2pm to setup, cook, serve, and cleanup the meal. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))

### Thank You...

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to all those who donated to the O.U.R. Center Food Drive in February. What an amazing church we have! FCLC donated over 500lbs of nonperishable food and personal care items to the OUR Center. Another "Thank You" goes to those who purchased new underwear to make our "Undie Sunday" drive a success in March. Donations were made to Inn Between and Mountain State Children's Home.

**"Foothills of the Rockies" Workcamp** is coming to Longmont THIS Summer! FCLC is co-sponsoring this event the weeks of July 20-26 and July 27-Aug. 2. We need lots of help to make this a success.

Please contact Marcie Mason ([mllmason@mindspring.com](mailto:mllmason@mindspring.com)) if you can help or if you have ideas on worksites.



## Seminary Scholarship Fund

Are you considering serving the Lord by going into the Seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has a fund setup to support students attending Seminary.



Please contact the Outreach Committee ([outreach@fclc.org](mailto:outreach@fclc.org)) if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement

## Good Samaritan Fund



Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need.

It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller ([susan@fclc.org](mailto:susan@fclc.org))



# Fellowship Happenings...

Sign up now for our...

## **Mystery Progressive Dinner!**

No worries, we're not serving "mystery meat" for dinner, but the mystery lies in where you will spend the evening. See, you'll sign up for the legs of the evening that you are able to attend (Saturday night service-goers may want to sign up for dinner/dessert; don't like to be out late at night? Sign up for appetizers/dinner). We want as many of you to attend as possible!

Before April 19, we'll give you your first location. Then, you'll find out your next location from your first host/hostess! [Our plan this year is to have locations as close as possible to each other AND close to the church.](#) We hoping to either eliminate driving between houses or at least keep it under five minutes.

### **Details:**

**When:** Saturday, April 19

5 pm - appetizers

6:30 pm - dinner

8:30 pm - dessert

**Cost:** \$6 for fellowship to put together dinner kits for the dinner hosts.

**What:** Dinner will be lasagna rolls filled with cheeses and spinach, with Italian meatballs on the side (so that vegetarians can skip the meat), and bread.

**What else:** You will be asked to sign up to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert and beverages. Our hosts are asked to provide a home, not all the food and drink for us.

**How:** Look for the poster in the narthex, or email your fellowship chairs.

**Questions:** Contact Sally Meier [sallyjmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyjmeier@yahoo.com) or

Pam Lind [lindplindp@msn.com](mailto:lindplindp@msn.com)

**Need a babysitter for this event?** We will offer you responsible teenagers to watch your precious child(ren) at the church this

evening from 5 pm – 10 pm. Donations will go to help work campers go to Blanding, Utah, in July. They are all very excited to go, too! We hope you'll take advantage of this service! Please call to reserve a babysitting slot!

Andrea Lee (970) 535-0305

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## **It's time to play ball!**

We're taking names now for people who want to join an FCLC "recreation-level" (mid-level) co-ed softball team!

### **Details follow:**

**Dates:** Fridays (or possibly Wednesdays) from April 28 - August 8

**Game times:** Seven innings or 55 minutes; starting at 6:15 pm, 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm, or 9:15 pm

**Location:** Garden Acres or Clark Park

**Cost:** \$40.50 for residents; \$45.50 for nonresidents

Rec-level means the team is a mix of seasoned players, as well as some who are new to the game. If you would like to add your name to the team list, please contact Rob Baas at [robin\\_baas@berlex.com](mailto:robin_baas@berlex.com) or Dawn Hajdas at [dawn@fclcl.org](mailto:dawn@fclcl.org). We will have a roster of 20 players so that we are not short players in the busy summer months. When we have more than enough players for a game, we all bat, but take turns in the field.

After the games, we usually try to gather at someone's home or go out together. It's great fellowship fun!

If you wish to create a men's team or a competitive or leisure co-ed team, below is a link with the details. Please contact me and I can help you get started: [sallyjmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyjmeier@yahoo.com)  
[http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/athletics/documents/sumsoftbadl\\_08.pdf](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/athletics/documents/sumsoftbadl_08.pdf)

# FLY. Pages

(Faith Lutheran Youth)  
April 2008



by Diane Sell

## Youth Director Update:

We have received several resumes from all over the United States. The month of April will consist of pre-interviews via phone and formal interviews with the committee. Please keep the following people in your prayers as they work hard to help make some decisions for the future youth program here at FCLC.

Doug Inskeep: Council Rep for youth  
Fed Ruiz: HR rep  
Sililo Woo Ching: FCLC Work camp director/ youth committee member  
Kaydene Hubert: Parent/ Member at large  
Kendall Lind: 11th grade  
Nathan Schemmel: 10th grade  
Graham Harms: 9th grade  
Chloe Storaci: 8th grade

Our prayer is that by May we will be able to hire our new youth director!



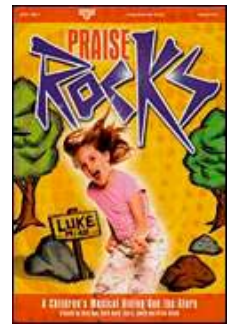
**Car Wash is Coming!**  
**Sunday April 20**  
**from 8:30am-noon!**

Come and worship while your car is being washed! Proceeds

from this fundraiser will go into kids' accounts for work camp and Sky Ranch! Want to sign up to help? Contact Mary Timms

## KICS DINNER THEATER PRESENTS~ "Praise Rocks"

Our Wednesday Night Live kids have been working hard on this production. You don't want to miss this~ You can purchase tickets until Wednesday night April 9. Production will be "dinner theater" style with Smoked Pork Chops as the main course! Saturday and Sunday April 12-13.



**LOF** will lead worship on Saturday April 5 and Sunday April 6 with a rehearsal on Thursday night April 3. All middle and high schoolers are

welcome. Please contact John Christianson for details.

## FIRE UP

Resumes this month starting April 9! Come on down to the youth room at 7:30pm on Wednesdays.

All high schoolers are welcome! We will be watching and discussing the DVD "The Truth about Guys".



Comedian Chad Eastham has a humorous and Christian approach to dating and guy/girl relationships. This will run April 9 and 16 and perhaps longer 😊 depending on how we all do!



*In April ... the trees sprout leaves ....*  
***But Faith Library sprouts books,  
 DVDs, and VCRs for budding readers of all  
 ages!***

**FOR KIDS:**

- † **Gid the Kid and the Black Bean Bandits.** Based on the story of Gideon, young Gid learns the west can get a little wild, especially when good people don't stand up for what's right.
- † **Where Do Angels Sleep?** With all that guardian angels do, little ones might wonder *if* they sleep.
- † **Introducing Russell.** A dog, a cat, and tiny deer mouse Russell are friends, but when Russell is injured on their camping trip, they face the challenge of convincing their human to accept this friend.
- † **Will, God's Mighty Warrior in the Creepy Caves Mystery.** Will and his dog Ralph have all the tools they need to solve a mystery (notebook, binoculars, camera) ... now they just need a mystery!
- † **Gigi, God's Little Princess and the Purple Ponies.** Gigi and her friend Frances embark on a new adventure. Filled with royal confidence, they are eager to show off their skills and make the soccer team.

**FOR YOUTH:**

- † **Walking with Bilbo:** a devotional adventure through the Hobbit. Faith is an ongoing choice and 'the Road goes on and on' and once we step onto the Road, there's no turning back.
- † **Degrees of Betrayal.** This trilogy includes **Sierra's Story**, **Kenzie's Story**, and **Ryun's Story**. After a serious accident, Sierra plans her revenge from her hospital bed remembering her best friend and her boyfriend's involvement in the accident. But there's always more than one side to the story.

**DVDs:**

- † **The Ultimate Gift,** from the novel by Jim Stovall. Life is how you live it ...not how you spend it.
- † **Love Comes Softly Series,** by Janette Oke. The collection includes three favorite films: **Love Comes Softly**, **Loves Enduring Promise**, and **Love's Long Journey**.
- † **An Uncommon Kindness: The Father Damien Story.** Narrated by Robin Williams. The young Belgian priest asked to be sent to the bleak leprosy settlement on the island of Molokai.
- † **Left Behind II: Tribulation Force.** Based on the second novel of the Left Behind series.
- † **Martin! God Loves You.** (Ages 7-12) How Martin Luther rediscovered God's love in the Gospel.
- † **Kibbles Rockin' Clubhouse: Expressing Yourself.** (Ages 2-7) Learn ways to express yourself using your voice and your body. Music and games.

**VCR:**

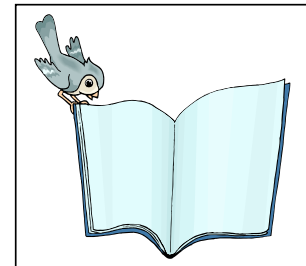
- † **Legacy Five: Strong in the Strength.** Includes their renditions of Stepping Out on the Water, Keep on the Firing Line, That's What Grace is For, Traveling Shoes, and ten more.

**NEW FICTION:**

- † **Betrayal.** Deadly fires seethe beneath the tenuous calm of Guatemala, which is recovering from brutal civil war. Deadly international intrigue lies under the breathtaking and endangered cloud forests. By the author of *Crossfire*, *Firestorm*, and *The DMZ*.
- † **Orchid House.** A funeral and family business are all that Julia Bentley expects as she travels to the Philippines, where guerillas lurk in the jungle and stories haunt her ancestral home.

**NON-FICTION:**

- † **Road Warrior: How to Keep Your Faith Relationships, and Integrity When Away from Home.** Business travel is more costly than ever.
- † **Christian Heroes.** Over 200 stories of courageous people who suffered for Jesus. **The Myth of the Submissive Christian Woman: Walking with God Without Being Stepped on by Others.**



Nowhere does Scripture tell us to abandon all of the wonderful God-given gifts and talents that make us who we are.

Blessings,  
 Lois Ward,  
 FCLC Librarian

# Stewardship Education

Susan Moller  
Director of Business Administration

## ***INTERPRETING THE NUMBERS:***

This writing provides a perspective on the current state of our finances. Numerous subjects were discussed during Council meetings last fall, the Budget Hearings in December, and the Annual Congregational meeting in January. A few of those subjects, in no specific order, are provided to refresh memories or inform those that weren't able to attend:

- the desire to retain first fruits giving at 20 percent;
- the need to establish "sinking funds" to provide funds for purchasing high cost items;
- the need to add a full-time Youth Director to the staff;
- the giving pattern of the congregation;
- funding a full-time Worship, Music, and Drama Director on staff.

We finished 2007 very strong! We were able to wing the debt (\$87,000+) and finish the year with income equaling expenses! Both were accomplished by your gracious giving and God's grace! We were reminded once again that this is a very loving, giving, faith community no matter the time of year. It was with this reminder along with the congregation's stated desire that we keep them informed of our fiscal status that we entered into 2008.

The proposed, and approved, 2008 congregational budget was unquestionably aggressive and included funding for continued operations and the subjects mentioned in the first paragraph. As of this writing, we have only one more Sunday remaining in a first calendar quarter of the

year and included Easter. [Note: Easter, which is a particularly high giving Sunday, is in the second quarter approximately 80 percent of the time.] We find ourselves at approximately 82 percent of straight-line budget. We realize that giving is not linear and over 15 percent of our giving occurs between Thanksgiving and the end of the year.

With this in mind, the council decided to place a minimum of 15 percent of the General Fund giving designated to Outreach. This figure will be adjusted upwards quarterly based on giving. It is our hope that for the year, the total percentage allocated to Outreach will be at the congregation's desired 20 percent. However, this is completely dependent on giving and the actions taken relative to the subjects mentioned in the first paragraph. There are still challenges ahead. The hiring of a full-time Youth Director is proceeding at a pace that assumes funds will be available for the position. You probably noticed that the left projector in the sanctuary is not as clear as the right. From the manufacturers perspective, these projectors are past their life expectancy and will need to be replaced soon [They are replaced in pairs and work is underway to determine how best to replace them.] As you requested, we will keep you informed of our financial situation on at least a quarterly basis in this newsletter. If you have specific questions or comments, they can be given either in person or via email to: Susan ([susan@fclc.org](mailto:susan@fclc.org)) or Ed ([ed@fclc.org](mailto:ed@fclc.org)).



## Stewardship

By Joel Rothe

We continue our Stewardship Education column on Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life*. The past two months we have learned that "faithful stewardship involves giving to God as an act of worship. We give out of glad and generous hearts as an expression of love and devotion to the God who is so good to us." Also, "we confess that all we are and everything we have belongs to God and we put this faith into action when we offer ourselves and our possessions to God to be used as God sees fit."

This month, we will focus on chapter three: A Spiritual Discipline. The bible presents stewardship as a spiritual discipline. Recognition of this is central to understanding that biblical stewardship is "good news." As we come to understand stewardship as a spiritual discipline, we move quickly away from a focus on requirements "what we are supposed to do" to a discovery of possibilities that we might not have known were available.

### Hearts and Treasures

While giving the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God wants us to have the right attitude toward our money and our things. The idea behind this is to always make sure our heart is set on God and that our heart is with God. We do not want to fall into the temptation of loving our money or become devoted to material things.

### Loving God

How can I love God more? This is accomplished by not only loving God with all your heart, mind, body and soul and loving your neighbors as yourself, but by practicing spiritual disciplines. Some of the more common spiritual disciplines are

praying before a meal and attending church on Sunday mornings. Of all the spiritual disciplines that are presented in the Bible, Stewardship is special in that it is the most directly connected to the status and condition of our hearts.

### Proactive Giving

The Bible says that God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). This means that we ought not give reluctantly or because we think we have to, but willingly because we truly want to. Don't just give to things you care about, give to things you want to care about. Don't decide the amount of your giving by how much you care, but by how much you want to care.

### The Spiritual Principle of Renunciation

The basic disciplines for becoming a more spiritual person usually involve Bible reading, prayer and regular worship. It is difficult to imagine anyone growing without some attention to those three things. But what if it were suggested that there is a fourth: sacrifice. We grow spiritually through renunciation of things that we value. We give of our treasure and our hearts are affected.

### Our Duty and Delight

The Bible assures us that when we offer ourselves and what we have to God in worship and in faith, we will discover the blessings of a rich spiritual life. We discover the truth of what Jesus said, that it truly is "more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

The Lenten season, Good Friday and Easter worship services made such an impact!

We are especially thankful for. . .

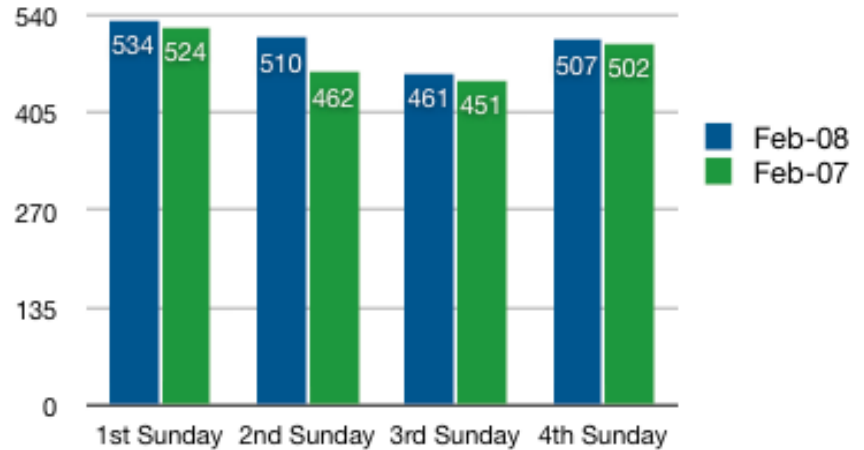
- Cliff Jensen, Ken Lowry, Mike Brockman and others who were directing traffic in the parking lot on Easter morning.
- The music and leadership of the worship teams at each of the services was great!
- Nursery volunteers willing to staff the nursery at all times throughout Lent
- The Easter bulletin, truly a work of art!
- The sound technicians who faithfully serve.
- The VPU gurus who grin and bear it when they have issues with equipment.
- The beautiful new Easter banner on the website.
- The volunteers who cut out 260 stickers/week for the Lenten Devotionals.
- Youth and parents working all morning to make and serve Easter breakfast.
- Greeters greeting at the doors, eagerly welcoming visitors and members.
- Worship volunteers (ushers, communion servers, communion prep, acolytes, lectors etc.) eagerly sharing their gifts of service throughout all of Lent and on Easter morning.
- The choir and "the Hallelujah Chorus".
- The cooks cranking out food throughout Lent.
- Ed and Ethel Owens who are always the first ones at church, no matter what time the first service begins!
- Those who clean up the coffee after the last service each week.
- Tables and chairs returned from the Easter Breakfast to correct rooms downstairs. Yah, for that!
- Thanks to Mike Stover for the white picket fence billboard.
- The amazing Christian Education volunteers and additional parents and teens, who assisted with the Sunday School Easter Extravaganza. (By the way, be on the lookout for four of the eggs from our Resurrection Eggs set. They are AWOL.)
- First-time volunteers who pitched in during the Easter Extravaganza, and now are begging to join the Education committee!
- The children of FCLC with their amazing enthusiasm and awesome attitudes.
- The puppeteers.
- Cindy Hansen who can get the kids pumped up to sing about Jesus... who's not dead!
- The Kyler Krantz's who always wants to help... with everything
- Sarek Lee and Sam Schaff, who asked if they could stack all of the chairs and move tables after the Easter Extravaganza.
- Marci Rothe and Jolene Nicoll, the Bible Bucks Store Queens!
- The children of FCLC who make me smile—even when they are not trying to.
- Those who count the offering and pay the bills.
- The volunteers who showed up on Saturday to deep clean the Sanctuary and Narthex.
- Lois Ward and crew who faithfully staff the church library each and every Sunday.
- Bob Thoman and Matt Brents the "know-ers of all things electrical".
- Reminder phone calls.
- The "pitch-in and help-out attitude" of FCLC members! What an amazing "Family of Faith."

Expressions of appreciation from Nanette

## Worship Attendance

### Attendance

	Feb-08	Feb-07
1st Sunday	534	524
2nd Sunday	510	462
3rd Sunday	461	451
4th Sunday	507	502
TOTALS:	2012	1939



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Jordan Smith, brother

Bill and Dianne Prout, parents  
Tom and Michelle (sister) Kramer, Anna, Rachel

Veta Hartman's grandson

Perry and Anita Willson's son-in-law

Laura Lewis, aunt and godmother

Horst and Brigitte Hennig, grandparents

Sue McCormick, grandmother  
Kelly & Mike Marshall, aunt & uncle; Nikki and Shaye Marshall, cousins  
Kim & Jeff Bonds, aunt & uncle; Megan, Mollie and Matthew Bonds, cousins

*God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"* Luke 4:18-19

***Catch the Spirit!***

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The mission Christ gave to all churches is to **"Go make disciples of all nations..."** Mt 28:19

## Mission Verse

God's Spirit is on me:  
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pardon of prisoners and  
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*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:**

- \* Bible-centered
- \* Prayer-centered
- \* Worship-centered with blended  
styles of music
- \* Kid-Friendly
- \* Visitor-Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood  
of Believers
- \* A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)